

Inland Ocean

Catch and Release

Due to popular demand, Inland Ocean is now offering “Catch and Release” fishing. Lots of folks have asked for this opportunity as they just want to catch fish and let them go for the fun of catching fish.

This activity can harm the fish. So, the rules for “Catch and Release” are the same as the Florida State rules for catch and release in the wild. The idea is to have fun catching fish while releasing them unharmed so they live to bite again another day.

- Please use steel circle hooks with the barb flattened. You can flatten the barb with a pair of long nose pliers or you can ask our staff to do it for you. If you are using a jig of some sort, please flatten the barb as well.
- Please do not touch the fish with bare hands, towels, or nets (these actions can damage the slime layer that covers the fish and helps protect it from disease). Just hold the fishing line in one hand while holding the hook with a pair of long nose pliers. Once you have the hook firmly held, just twist the hook backwards and the fish will fall back into the water.
- If the fish has swallowed the hook, cut off the line as close to the hook as possible. Never try to remove a deeply embedded hook because you may damage the fish beyond recovery or make it a more vulnerable prey.
- Avoid stainless steel hooks. If swallowed, they will not dissolve over time.
- Whenever possible, minimize the time that the fish is out of the water. Prepare your camera for pictures first; hold up the fish for a quick photo, and release it immediately.
- If you catch a fish that you wish to take home, that is fine, just purchase the fish at the posted rate. Always hold your fish on ice which keeps them in good quality for dinner.
- The cost of “Catch and Release” fishing is \$20 per adult (half day) and \$10 per child under 12 years old (half day).